

Beyond the Close

TRY THIS!

RELATIONSHIPS WITH REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS SHOULDN'T END WITH THE CLOSING.

Once escrow is closed, continue the relationship with your Real Estate and Loan Professional by scheduling semi-annual "Healthy Homeowner Checkups" to review your mortgage and other property related issues:

- Property Tax Bills
 - Current Estimated Home Value
 - Home Owner's Insurance Policies
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- Estimate 1.75% of your purchase price for annual property maintenance and general upkeep. *Avoid deferring property maintenance or it will end up costing you more in the long term!*
 - Create a list of general upkeep items to include in your annual budget, such as:
 - House Painting or Fence Staining
 - Air Filters
 - Carpet/Floor Cleaning
 - Lawn Fertilizer & Plantings
 - Subscribe to your City's newsletter and stay up to date on local legal updates and events.
 - Get involved in your community and volunteer time by helping out a local:
 - Library
 - Animal Shelter
 - Community/Senior Center
 - Neighborhood Watch Group